

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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A RESOLUTION

NO 69-06

TO OPPOSE THE COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT TO BE LOCATED NEAR GREAT FALLS, MONTANA DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee is the governing body of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana, by authority of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe approved on the 23rd day of November, 1935, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to their inherent sovereignty and Constitution and By-Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee is charged with the duty to promote and protect the health, security and general welfare of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee have reviewed the Montana Environmental Information Center's Montana Mercury Facts, and

WHEREAS, according to the EPA, coal-fired power plants are the largest source of human caused mercury pollution in the country and emit more than 40% of the mercury emissions nationwide, and

WHEREAS, according to wind row studies, the wind is blowing northeast 92% of the time and Rocky Boy's Reservation is northeast and down wind from the proposed coal-fired power plant from where the mercury will be emitted into the air and falls back to the earth in rain or snow and accumulates in microorganisms that live in the water, as well as plants eaten by livestock and wild game, and

WHEREAS, Mercury is a potent neurotoxin and a very low concentration of mercury in a water body can still lead to very high levels in fish and even higher in animals or humans that consume fish, and

WHEREAS, there are many streams and dams on the Reservation that many of the residents of Rocky Boy's Reservation fish, and hunt for wild game on a regular basis for consumption and raising livestock is one of the major sources of revenue to many household, and

WHEREAS, the effects of Mercury on Men, Women and Children are highly documented in the Journal of Pediatrics and the New England Journal of Medicine, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee hereby oppose the coal-fired power plant to be located near Great Falls, Montana due to health concerns to the residents of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Business Committee of the Chippewa Cree Tribe certify that the Business Committee is composed of nine (9) members of whom ~~Eight~~ (8) members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held on this 15th day of June, 2006 and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ~~Seven~~ (7) members for and Zero (0) members against, and the Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

John C. Dault
Chairman, Business Committee

James T. Myers
Secretary/Treasurer, Business Committee